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on the advancement of LB 420? Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BROMM: I'll waive closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 420. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 420.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hilgert, an amendment to LB 668 to be printed; Senator Quandahl, an amendment to LB 489; Senator Hartnett, to LB 620; Senator Beutler, to LB 516; Senator Bromm, to LB 489. Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the clerk. (Read re LB 240.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1392-1396.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 804.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 804, a bill by Senator Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0142, Legislative Journal page 546.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. And Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on LB 804.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 804 amends Section 2-5305, put in place by LB 957 last year. As you recall, LB 957 essentially assigned two duties to the director of Natural Resources. One of these duties was to perform an assessment of ag lands for carbon sequestration potential with the adoption of management systems and conservation practices that include carbon storage in soils. Under LB 957, that duty was mandatory. LB 804 essentially makes